

the Westminster Insider News



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CITY OF WESTMINSTER LAUNCHES OUTDOOR DINING SUPPORT GRANT PROGRAM



The City of Westminster is distributing grant funds from the County of Orange under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act). Grants will be awarded to local businesses suffering negative impacts from the COVID-19 pandemic for the purpose of enhancing and/or creating an outdoor dining area.

Grants up to \$5,000 will be conditionally awarded on a first-come, first-served basis. [Click here for full details and application.](#)

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COVIDVACCINEFACTS.com 

The COVID-19 vaccine is available to everyone ages 12 and older.

See details for minors.



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**VACCINE
RESOURCES**
IN ORANGE COUNTY

Questions about COVID-19 or
the COVID-19 vaccine?

Call (714) 834-2000

The OC Health Care Agency
Hotline offers automated
responses to FAQs 24/7 and live,
trained operators from
8 a.m. - 5 p.m., Monday-Friday.



CITY HALL

NOW HIRING:

- Executive Assistant
- Family Support Advocate
- Community Engagement Coordinator



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Learn Valuable Skills That Drive Growth

*Goldman Sachs 10,000 Small Businesses has partnered with Long Beach City College and Los Angeles City College to provide a practical business and management education program for business owners ready to take their business to the next level. In professional workshops, you will learn from some of the brightest minds in business, learn about access to financial capital and build a powerful network of professional support. **And, if accepted, program tuition will be at no cost to you!***

SoCal10KSB is now accepting applications for Spring 2022 cohorts. Classes will be conducted on-site. Learn more and apply here.



Check out our "[Local Business Resources](#)" page for information and resources available through local agencies and non-profit organizations!



BUDGET UPDATE: *JULY 1, 2020 - MARCH 31, 2021*

2020-2021 Review

This report contains information on resources through the 3rd quarter of FY 2020-21, which is the period between July 1, 2020 and March 31, 2021.

Top Revenues

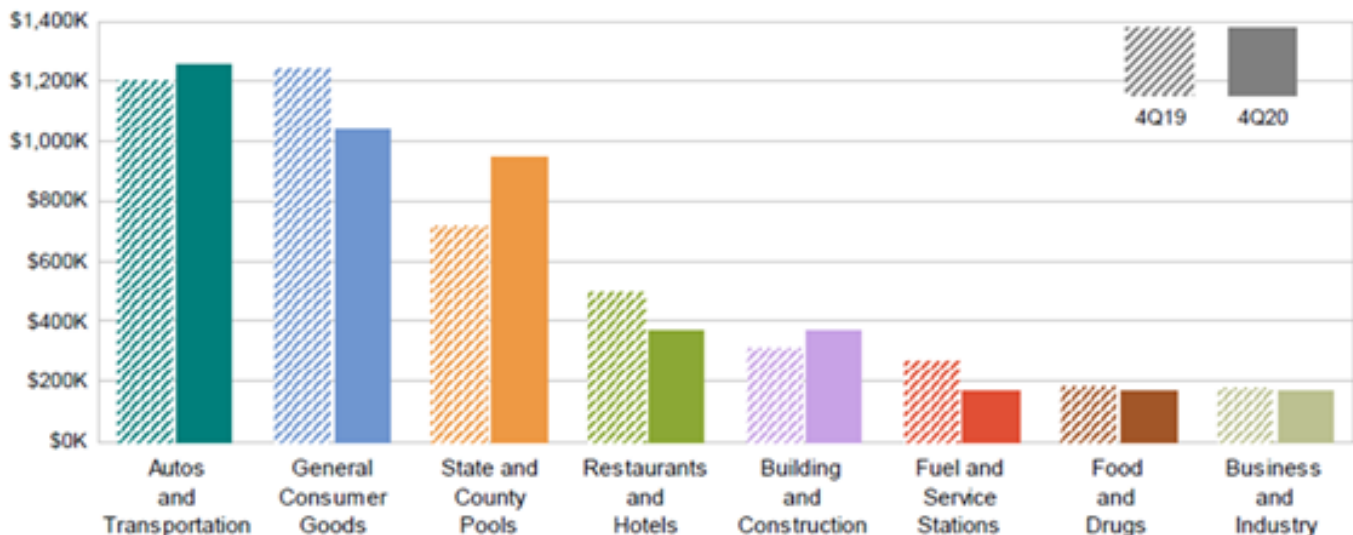
The top revenue sources for the City's General Fund are sales tax, transaction use tax, property tax, utility users tax and charges for service which combined make up 89% of total General Fund revenue. Current projections for FY 2020-21 are in line with budgeted numbers with the exception of sales tax/transaction use tax which is projected to be higher than budgeted. FY 2020-21 revenues were originally budgeted at \$60.2 million with a current revised budget of \$61.7 million adjusted to include already received COVID Cares funding of \$1.5 million. Through the 3rd quarter, we have received \$39.8 million in revenue in the General Fund or 64.5% as of March 31, 2021.

Sales Tax/Transaction Use Tax

The following charts, from the City's sales tax consultant HdL, represent 4th quarter calendar year sales, July 2020 through December 2020. Year-over-year comparison show Westminster's receipts down 2.3% from the fourth quarter sales in the prior period. The major drops are due to the impacts of COVID-19. Consumer spending increased as more retail stores re-opened, but revenues are still below pre-pandemic levels and consumers continue to prefer online shopping. As you can see in the first chart, there is a large increase in the State and County pools which are online sales. The second chart shows the category changes for the transaction use tax. As you can see in the second chart, there is no category for pools because the transaction use tax generated from online sales is allocated directly to the City. Westminster's share of the taxes generated from online purchases of our residents stay within the City.

Sales and Use Tax

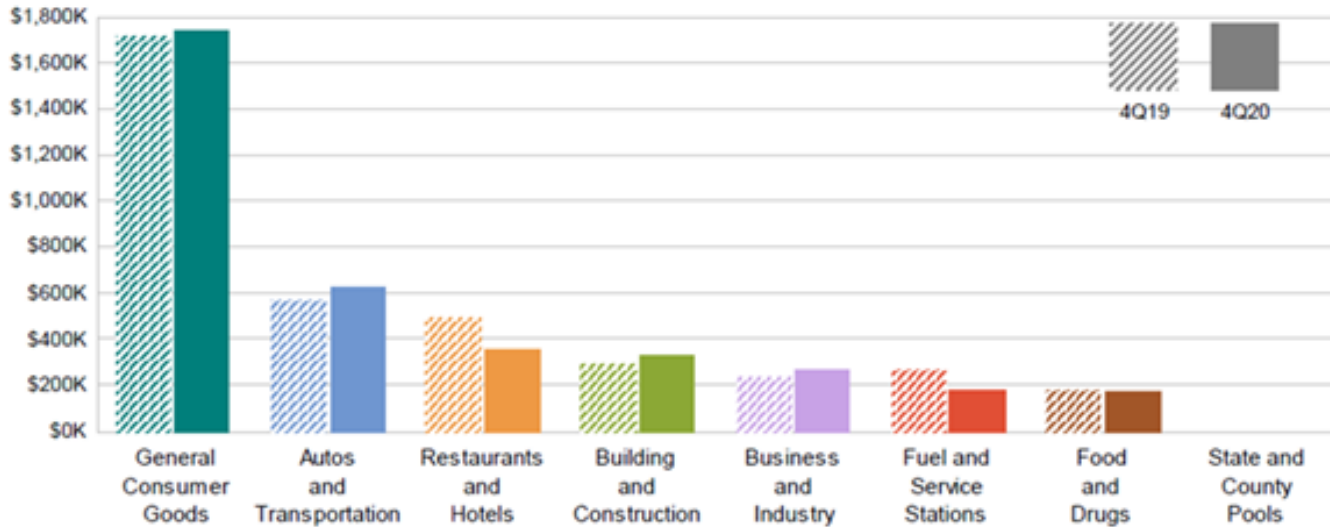
4Q19 Compared To 4Q20



BUDGET UPDATE: JULY 1, 2020 - MARCH 31, 2021 (CONT'D)

Transaction Use Tax (Measure SS)

4Q19 Compared To 4Q20



Sales tax and transaction use tax receipts are remitted to the City in arrears so the quarter totals shown in the table below represent seven months of receipts from the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration (CDTFA). Projections from the City's sales tax consultant, HdL, anticipate FY 2020-21 receipts to be slightly above the actuals received for FY 2019-20. This is a still an estimate as we have only received the 7 months of receipts for FY 2020-21, however, the increase would be \$2.3 million higher than budgeted. We will continue to actively track this important revenue source.

| | Budget 2020-21 | YTD Q3 Actual 2020-21 | % of Budget | Prior Years Q3 Actual 2019-20 | Increase/ (Decrease) from PY |
|---------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------|----------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Sales and Use Tax | \$ 15,133,600 | \$ 9,944,616 | 65.7% | \$ 10,080,046 | \$ (135,430) |
| Transaction Use Tax | 11,883,000 | 8,159,367 | 68.7% | 8,177,090 | (17,723) |
| | \$ 27,016,600 | \$ 18,103,983 | 67.0% | \$ 18,257,136 | \$ (153,153) |

Property Tax

Property tax revenue is trending slightly higher than the prior fiscal year. This estimate is pretty close to actual as most of the revenue from property tax receipts come in December and April.

| | Budget 2020-21 | YTD Q3 Actual 2020-21 | % of Budget | Prior Years Q3 Actual 2019-20 | Increase/ (Decrease) from PY |
|--------------|-------------------|-----------------------------|----------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Property Tax | \$ 17,624,000 | \$ 9,261,321 | 52.5% | \$ 8,750,040 | \$ 511,281 |

BUDGET UPDATE: JULY 1, 2020 - MARCH 31, 2021 (CONT'D)

Utility Users Tax

Utility user's tax is slightly more than the prior year but in line with the budget.

| | Budget 2020-21 | YTD Q3 Actual 2020-21 | % of Budget | Prior Years Q3 Actual 2019-20 | Increase/ (Decrease) from PY |
|-------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------|----------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Utility Users Tax | \$ 4,200,000 | \$ 2,989,622 | 71.2% | \$ 2,940,503 | \$ 49,119 |

Charges for Service

Charges for service are looking positive for FY 2020-21. This is partly due to the Cost Recovery Study adopted in FY 2019-20 and the development activity within the City. Receipts to date are lower than the same time last year however, overall projections to year end are favorable.

| | Budget 2020-21 | YTD Q3 Actual 2020-21 | % of 2020-21 Budget | Prior Years Q3 Actual 2019-20 | Increase/ (Decrease) from PY |
|---------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Charges for Service | \$ 4,495,061 | \$ 3,810,783 | 84.8% | \$ 4,090,093 | \$ (279,309) |

Expenditures

General Fund expenditures are tracking on budget. Expenditures for the 3rd quarter of FY 2020-21 are \$482 thousand over the prior fiscal year at the same time. This is due to the increase in PERS costs and OCFA contract costs.

| | Budget 2020-21 | YTD Q3 Actual 2020-21 | % of 2020-21 Budget | Prior Years Q3 Actual 2019-20 | Increase/ (Decrease) from PY |
|--------------|-------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Expenditures | \$ 64,507,329 | \$ 49,763,179 | 77.1% | \$ 49,281,500 | \$ 481,678 |

At this time, revenue and expenditures are tracking within budget so no budget adjustment is necessary. The next update will be provided after nine months of revenue and expenditures, for the period of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact Erin Backs, Interim Finance Director at eback@westminster-ca.gov or (714) 548-3185.

Virtual Meetings



In an effort to protect public health and prevent the spread of COVID-19, in lieu of attending the meeting, members of the public may view the meeting live in one of the following ways:

- City of Westminster YouTube Channel
- City of Westminster Streaming Video Online
- Westminster WTV: Spectrum Channel 3, Frontier FiOS Channel 42, and AT&T UVerse Channel 99



To view the meeting via zoom, submit e-comments to address the city council, or submit a speaker request, visit www.westminster-ca.gov/virtual-meetings.

Council Meeting Schedule



**Meetings are still being conducted virtually via teleconference/web conference. [Click here to view agendas.](#)*



Missed the last meeting? Get the quick recap here.

RESOURCES FOR RENTERS

Eviction Moratorium EXTENDED

On June 28, 2021 the Governor signed legislation to extend the eviction moratorium and assist tenants and small property owners impacted by COVID-19.

If you are unable to pay your rent due to a coronavirus-related hardship between September 1, 2020 and September 30, 2021, you must also pay at least 25 percent of the rent due to avoid eviction.

Tenants are still responsible for paying unpaid amounts to property owners. Beginning November 1, 2021, landlords can take tenants to small claims court to recover unpaid rent debt. [Read more here.](#)



Tenants



Homeowners



Landlords



Partners



Affordable Housing

Looking for an affordable rental unit in Westminster? Click below for a list of affordable rental opportunities. All properties are privately managed. To inquire about availability, rental rates and income qualifications, please contact the respective property management team.

City of Westminster - List of Affordable Housing

For additional affordable housing opportunities throughout Orange County, the County of Orange maintains a list of affordable units which can be found at ochousing.org.

Fair Housing

If you want to learn more about fair housing laws, the [Fair Housing Foundation](#) provides education to tenants, landlords, property owners, realtors and property management companies. The Fair Housing Foundation provides services to cities throughout Orange County, including Westminster.

[Sign-up for virtual workshops](#) to learn more about your rights and responsibilities as a tenant or landlord.

For assistance, call Fair Housing Foundation at (800) 446-3247, or email at info@fhfca.org.



Do you need help with rent or utilities?

You may be eligible for the CA COVID-19 Rent Relief program.

Get 100% of your rent and utilities paid!

Financial assistance is available from the State of California for income eligible renters and their landlords who have been impacted by COVID-19 and have past due rent or utilities, or who need help with upcoming rent or utilities.

Both renters and landlords are encouraged to apply.

Assistance is available for unpaid rent dating back to April 1, 2020, as well as for future rent.

Assistance is also available for unpaid utility payments dating back to April 1, 2020, or for future utility payments, which will both be compensated at 100% of cost, limited to a total of 12 months, and paid directly to the utility provider.

Assistance from the CA COVID-19 Rent Relief program does not count as earned income and will not affect eligibility for any other state benefit assistance programs.

All applicant information is kept private and will not be shared.

Income eligible applicants may qualify regardless of immigration status and will not be required to show proof of citizenship.



How do I apply?

To check eligibility and apply, visit **HousingIsKey.com** or call **833-430-2122**.

For in-language assistance, to get help with eligibility requirements or filling out an application, schedule an appointment with a local organization near you by calling **833-687-0967**.

The CA COVID-19 Rent Relief program is an official State of California sponsored program.



City of Westminster 2021-2029 **HOUSING** ELEMENT UPDATE

The City of Westminster is in the process of updating the 2021-2029 Housing Element.
Watch [these videos](#) below to learn more about what a housing element is!



Why is the City updating its Housing Element?

Each city and county in California is required to have a Housing Element and update it at least every eight years. Updating the Housing Element gives the City a clear picture of housing-related issues such as: housing supply and demand, types of housing available within the City, housing affordability, and homelessness. Once the Housing Element is updated, it must be approved by the California Department of Housing and Community Development. Updating our Housing Element will ensure that we meet State requirements, and make Westminster eligible for State grants and other funding sources. It will also give our elected and appointed officials clear guidance on housing issues facing Westminster. [Click here for more information about our Housing Element Update.](#)



A GUIDE TO ACCESSORY DWELLING UNITS ONLINE WORKSHOP

AUGUST 30, 2021
6:00 - 7:30 P.M.

Are you a homeowner interested in developing an accessory dwelling unit (ADU) on property in Westminster? Are you a homeowner or design professional interested in learning how to get your ADU permitted quickly and easily? If yes, then join the Westminster Community Development Department on Zoom for A Guide to Accessory Dwelling Units Workshop!

City staff will walk you through the steps of the recently updated and faster process for obtaining approval from the City for an ADU. In addition, City staff will explain the development standards applicable to the different ADU types, which will help in your design. This presentation will be delivered in English. We look forward to seeing you virtually!

Register for the workshop at <https://bit.ly/WestminsterADUWorkshop> or scan the QR code below.



Scan Me





Hours of Operation

**Monday, Tuesday,
Wednesday & Friday**

9 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Thursday

11 a.m. - 8 p.m

(714) 903-1331

The Westminster Family Resource Center (WFRC) serves low-income families residing in the City of Westminster and surrounding cities in Orange County. The WFRC has become the centralized information and referral point for the community. With the assistance of bilingual staff and various partners, individuals can create linkages with necessary resources such as food trolleys, counseling services, enrichment programs, and other services to help strengthen their families. [Click here](#) for more information regarding programs and services.

Westminster Family Resource Center



**Located at Sigler Park
7200 Plaza St.
Westminster, CA 92683**

Partners



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OF WESTMINSTER**



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ORANGE COUNTY



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INTERVAL HOUSE
Crisis Shelters & Centers for Victims of Domestic Violence

BACK-TO-SCHOOL VACCINATION EVENT

With WFRC , FTOC, CalOptima

Immunization event open to children and students up to 18 years old for back to school vaccinations. Please call **(657) 422-8419** to make an appointment. Limited walk-ins available until 5 p.m.



Where: **Westminster Family
Resource Center**

**7200 Plaza St. Westminster,
CA 92683**

When: **Wednesday, August 18**

Thursday, August 19

Time: **12p -6p**



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COMMUNITY SERVICES

WESTMINSTER

Newsletter & Recreation Guide

summer
2021



Virtual Recreation Center

Your place to find fun resources and activities to keep you and your family entertained, active, and informed!

Check back weekly 
for themed activities!





SIGLER PARK SPLASH PAD

7200 PLAZA ST.

HOURS OF OPERATION

12:30-2:30 P.M. & 3-5 P.M.

FRIDAY, SATURDAY, & SUNDAY UNTIL SEPT. 6

PRE-REGISTRATION **REQUIRED**

CLICK HERE TO REGISTER!

[HTTP://BIT.LY/SIGLERSPLASHPADSUMMER2021](http://bit.ly/siglersplashpadsummer2021)

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10 A.M. TO 12 P.M. ON DAYS OF OPERATION

Call us at 714.895.2860 for new rules, details, & more information.



DEMILLE ELEMENTARY
15400 VAN BUREN STREET,
MIDWAY CITY, CA 92655
TUESDAYS, 9AM-4PM

FRYBERGER ELEMENTARY
6952 HOOD DRIVE,
WESTMINSTER, CA 92683
WEDNESDAYS, 9AM-4PM

SCHMITT ELEMENTARY
7200 TRASK AVENUE,
WESTMINSTER, CA 92683
THURSDAYS, 9AM-4PM

WILLMORE ELEMENTARY
7122 MAPLE STREET,
WESTMINSTER, CA 92683
FRIDAYS, 9AM-4PM

**WESTMINSTER LIBRARY
(LAWN ON 13TH STREET)**
8180 13TH STREET,
WESTMINSTER, CA 92683
SATURDAYS, 9AM-NOON

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**Westminster Library is
closed until further notice
for remodeling.**

**Holds may be picked up at
Garden Grove Main Library
(11200 Stanford Ave.,
Garden Grove, CA 92840)**



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Public Libraries
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COMMUNITY PRESERVATION UNIT

Dedicated to Beautifying the City of Westminster

Community Preservation Unit

Complaint = Clean-up



Before



After

A friendly reminder from

THE COMMUNITY PRESERVATION UNIT (CPU)

A complaint = a clean-up! If you see discarded items, let the Community Preservation Unit know.

Call **714-548-3476** or download the **My Westminster mobile app** for quick and easy reporting!

No-Cost Mattress Recycling



We do not accept:

Excessively wet, damaged, twisted, frozen or soiled mattresses or box springs

Items infested with bed bugs

Fold-out sofa beds, futon frames/bases, mattress pads/toppers

Water beds, air mattresses, car beds

Infant & child products, infant carriers, lounge pads or crib bumpers

Sleeping bags, pillows

Other furniture or sleep products

How do I get rid of my old mattress?

Residents can drop off mattress, box springs, and futon mattresses separated from the base or frame for no-cost recycling.

Midway City Sanitary District
14451 Cedarwood Ave. Westminster, CA 92683
Monday - Friday 8am-4pm

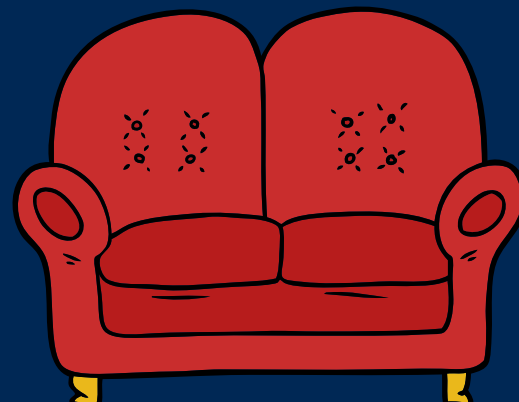


For more details, please call (714) 893-3553 or visit www.midwaycitysanitarydistrict.com/bulky-item-service.

Schedule a Bulky Item Pickup!

The District provides a monthly bulky item service for the disposal of some appliances and furniture, and will collect two such items from each household approximately every thirty days. For more details, please call (714) 893-3553 at least one week in advance.

Normal items that the District will pick up are: furniture, appliances, patio furniture, large plastic toys, lawn care equipment, television sets, computer monitors, and water heaters. The District does **NOT** pickup: carpet, rugs, glass, mirrors, construction materials, wood, fencing, doors, pallets, and exercise equipment. **PLEASE DO NOT PUT YOUR ITEMS ON THE CURB UNTIL SCHEDULED FOR PICKUP.**



ORANGE COUNTY IS READY FOR THE DROUGHT

EACH OF US MUST DO OUR PART TO REDUCE WATER WASTE

40% LESS WATER IS USED TODAY

Southern Californians use 40% less water today than 30 years ago even though the population has grown by 785,000. Residents have adopted water-wise technology and smart behaviors to do their part to use water efficiently. Water providers have invested in water recycling, water use efficiency, and groundwater storage to ensure a reliable water supply.



17+ BILLION GALLONS OF WATER SAVED EACH YEAR

Orange County residents and businesses save more than 17 billion gallons of water each year through water-saving programs, incentives, and simple lifestyle changes.



8 REBATES TO HELP SAVE WATER, TIME, AND MONEY

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Turf Removal

Rebates start at **\$3** per square foot
Water Savings: Up to 70% less water used



Rotating Sprinkler Nozzles

Rebates start at **\$2** per nozzle*
Water Savings: 15 gallons per day/nozzle
*Minimum 30 Nozzles



Soil Moisture Sensors

Rebates start at **\$80** per station
Water Savings: Up to 70% less water used



Smart Sprinkler Timers

Rebates start at **\$180** per timer for properties less than 1 acre or **\$35** per station for more than 1 acre
Water Savings: 40-50 gallons per day



High Efficiency Clothes Washer

Rebates start at **\$85**
Water Savings: 15 gallons per day



Premium High Efficiency Toilets

Rebates start at **\$40**
Water Savings: 22 gallons per day



Spray-to-Drip

Rebates start at **\$0.50** per square foot
Water Savings: 50 gallons per day



Rain Barrels and Cisterns

Rebates start at **\$35** per rain barrel or **\$250** per cistern
Water Savings: Varies based on rainfall

In Partnership



Visit MWDOC.COM/SAVEWATER for more information.

PUBLIC SAFETY MESSAGE FROM ORANGE COUNTY FIRE AUTHORITY

BEACH SAFETY



A day at the beach can be fun. However, swimming in the water can be dangerous if you don't know how to keep yourself from drowning. Learn how to reduce the risks of drowning by following these beach safety tips!



*Approximately
50-75% of
drownings happen
in open waters
such as the ocean,
lakes, rivers, and
ponds.*



**Orange County
Fire Authority**

ocfa.org

(714) 573-6200



Beach Safety Tips

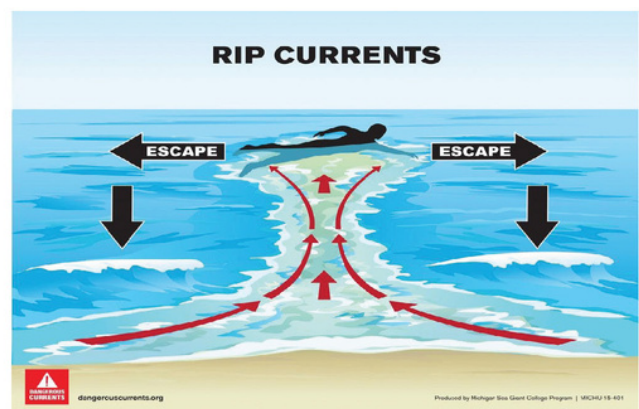
- Ask the lifeguard about rip currents and other hazards. If in doubt, don't go out.
- Obey the posted warnings signs and flags.
- Check the weather, water and surfing conditions.
- If someone is in trouble, get help from a lifeguard or call 9-1-1.

Swimming in the Ocean

- Keep small children and inexperienced swimmers within reach.
- Learn to swim before venturing out into the ocean.
- Use boogie boards and surfboards with leashes and only use them in designated areas.
- Choose to swim near a lifeguard and never swim alone.

Break the Grip of the RIP

Rip currents are powerful currents of water moving away from the shore. They can sweep even the strongest swimmers out to sea.



How to Survive a Rip Current

- Remain calm and don't fight the current. Swim to the side to get out of the current.
- If you can't escape, tread water or float.
- If you need help, call or wave for assistance.



Protect yourself from Flea-Borne Typhus (FBT):

- *Place pets on flea control medicine*
- *Do not feed wildlife including feral cats, opossums, and other animals*
- *Remove outdoor food sources*
- *Cover garbage containers*
- *Trim vegetation around buildings*
- *Wear EPA registered repellent*

LOOK BEFORE YOU LOCK

NEVER LEAVE YOUR PETS IN A HOT CAR.

Even if the AC is on, car engines fail, and animals can accidentally touch different switches and buttons inside the car.



NEVER LEAVE YOUR CHILD IN A CAR, NO MATTER WHAT THE WEATHER IS.

A child's body heats up 3 to 5 times faster than an adult's.



@WestminsterPDCA

Did you know...

City Hall, Community Services, and the Westminster Police Department lobby are open Monday - Thursday from 7:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. for walk-ins (7:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. for WPD).

**Appointments are still encouraged.
[Click here to schedule an appointment.](#)**

There will be no street sweeping on August 30 and August 31.

You can now apply, renew, or pay for your business license online through HdL Companies. For more information, visit: <https://westminster.hdlgov.com> or call (657) 622-0222.

Be a Westminster Water Warrior and help conserve water!



**Making small changes outdoors can result in big water savings.
[Click here for more information.](#)**

**Need to pay your water bill in person?
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**Westminster Corporation Yard
14381 Olive St.
Westminster, CA 92683**

(714) 894-3796

Hours: Monday-Friday, 7 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

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RESOURCES**

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**405 IMPROVEMENT PROJECT
CONSTRUCTION UPDATES**

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